

CURRENT COMMENT

BY FREDERIC HEATH.

The man who tries to live sincerely up to his Christian principles under capitalism has a woful time of it.

By virtue of the recent elections the Social-Democrats stand now 53 strong in the great council of Zurich, Switzerland.

Socialism is the foe of ignorance and poverty. The war is a long one but we win battle after battle and constantly close in on the enemy.

Helen Keller gave a lecture on Socialism in Buffalo last week and delighted a large audience in the theater where she spoke. The Buffalo press gave her good notices.

Australia is making a city for its new capital. The honor of beginning the foundation went to the Labor party. A great celebration was held at which labor officials officiated.

Jack London, the Socialist novelist, is in Los Angeles, where many of the moving picture players do their work. He is superintending the producing of several of his stories in film form.

The report of the Denver "free speech" fiasco in the Industrial Worker is about as bold an attempt to deceive as I have ever seen. Next we will be told that the Akron rubber strike was not lost but gloriously won by the "I Won't Works."

The average day's grist of news consists of items about the free-love escapades and crimes of the believers in capitalism, also their murders, suicides, thievings, swindlings and hypocrisies. Capitalism stands condemned by its own nauseous fruit.

Dr. Franz Soukup, who made a speaking tour in this country a few years ago, has been elected a member of the Austrian parliament, where he will be heard from as time goes on. His election took place in a special election held in the district of Schlan, Bohemia.

It now appears that the badly-conceived and badly-handled Akron rubber strike did not help

Mother Jones Released.

CHARLESTON, West Virginia. — For the first time since her arrest last February, in connection with the coal strike, "Mother" Mary Jones, known as the "Angel of the Mines," was today outside the martial law zone, although still under surveillance of the military authorities. "Mother" Jones was brought to Charleston last night, and had an hour's conversation with Gov. Hatfield.

The aged woman said today her conversation with the chief executive was purely on economic questions.

NEW MIDDLE CLASS IS HERE---NOT WHOLLY HOSTILE TO SOCIALISM

BY KARL KAUSKY.

The rising standard of life of the upper class oozes down through to those beneath and weakens in them new needs and demands to the satisfaction of which the slowly growing wage is by no means satisfactory. The bourgeois whine about the disappearance of modesty in the lower classes and about their increasing enviousness, and forget that the growing demands from below are only the reflex of the rising standard of life above, which furnishes the example and arouses the envy of the lower class.

That the capitalist standard of living grows faster than that of the proletariat is self-evident. The laborer's dwelling has not been greatly improved in the last 50 years. But the dwelling places of the bourgeois are gorgeous in comparison with the average capitalist house of 50 years ago. The third class railroad carriage of today and the one of 50 years ago differ but little in their interior equipments. But when we compare the first class railroad carriage of the middle of the nineteenth century with the palace car of the modern train, I do not believe that the sailors in the transatlantic ships are much better cared for today than 50 years ago, while the luxuries to be found in the saloon of the modern passenger steamer would have been unheard of 50 years ago even in a royal pleasure yacht.

Sweep Naugatuck!

NAUGATUCK, Conn.—In the municipal elections held here the Socialists carried the entire ticket, electing all of their candidates to office.

A. B. Cross, Jr., for mayor, polled 332 plurality over his Democratic opponent, or 51 majority over both the Democratic and Republican candidates, T. K. Hogan and W. C. Hald, respectively.

The election was closely contested by the opposing parties, they evidently fearing that the Socialists might come out victorious.

The latter carried several of the town offices last year. Other officials elected are: Frank Forc, Richard King and Cornelius Spilans as members of the board of purchasers (board of aldermen); J. T. Gubbling, as town clerk; H. B. Freeman and Ambrose Daly, as the two selectmen; Frederick Pitcher, for the office of tax collector; W. K. Meagan, as the office of registrar; E. E. Hull and M. J. Johnson, as high school commissioners; G. H. Andrews as treasurer, four balliffs and a tree warden.

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So much for the increasing exploitation of the proletariat. But is not this economic factor counterbalanced by the increasing political approach of the classes? Do not the bourgeois more and more recognize the laborer as their political and social equal?

There is no doubt that the proletariat is gaining rapidly in political and social respects.

If its rise in economic relations remains behind that of the bourgeois, this gives rise to a continually increasing enviousness and discontent. Perhaps the most striking phenomenon of the last 50 years is the rapid and unbroken rise of the proletariat in moral and intellectual relations.

Not many decades ago the proletariat was so low that there were even Socialists that expected the worst results for culture from the conquest of the proletariat. In 1850 Rodbertus wrote: "The most threatening danger at present is that we shall have a new barbarian invasion, this time coming from the interior of society itself to lay waste custom, civilization and wealth."

At the same time Heinrich Heine declared that the future belonged to the communist. "This confession, that the future belongs to the communist, I make in sorrow and greatest anxiety. This is in no way a delusion. In fact, it is only with fear, and shuddering that I think of the epoch when these dark iconoclasts come to power; with their callous hands they will destroy all the marble statues of beauty, etc."

So it is that the fear is rapidly disappearing, which after the Paris Commune dominated the whole capitalist class; the fear that the con-

ful speech against the German army increase bill the other day. When he shot some shafts at the noble drones of the country and intimated that the ruling princes might be made to disgorge their share, a stupid Conservative member, with alarm on his features, called out the warning, "They might emigrate!" Sudekum struck a droll attitude and replied on the instant, "A brilliant idea! We



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TALKED SOCIALISM TO ASSEMBLED SOLONS

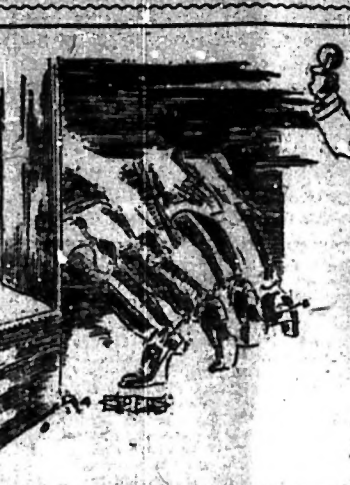
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might take that into consideration." At which almost the entire reichstag burst into a roar of laughter.

The result of the primary in Los Angeles would have seemed fairly good to the Socialists round the country if they had not been given too high hopes by the highblown reports sent out at such length from that city. It simply emphasizes a



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habit that our movement has drifted into more or less, and that should be avoided in the future. We must keep faith with ourselves and give our people the right to feel that our reports are not colored or yellow-journalistic. Under all the circumstances Los Angeles did quite well, remarkably well when one remembers the history of the last election in that city. The McNamara affair, exploded on the



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eve of election, headed off a victory only by a scratch, but it was bound to have its after effect. The lost ground will be regained, and if the movement in the City of Angels can unite and put in some of its aldermanic and school board candidates on election day, the movement will be started in its official career in the right way to build up toward future conquests. And it will be much better off than would be the case had Harriman and the entire ticket prevailed at the primaries with the task of having to take the local government over at one gulp. We are working on long lines; our party must make haste slowly.

The Russian spy system is about the most dreaded of them all, and being the spiritual head of the Greek Catholic church it is not surprising that the czar uses that agency to herd his faithful and to keep down the natural, rebellious ones. The trend of immigration the past few years has greatly extended the czar's long-arm reach throughout the United States, and he is contributing money for the saying of prayers for his safety and for the spreading of Russian "patriotism" among his subjects here, in large amounts. This money is handled by two priests in New York city, it is claimed, and it is also claimed that they have been thrifty enough in its allotment so that they are the owners of property in the metropolis of the value of a half million dollars. The sight of religion enslaved by crowned despots is enough to ruin the gorge of even a man of tolerable complacency. This nation was founded on the principle of a separation of the functions of church and state and so much is that principle a part of modern progress that there is no alarm that will excite Americans quicker than one that alleges designs upon the government by any ecclesiastical body or hierarchy. Be he czar or what not, he would do well not to rub the fur the wrong way too readily.

The militant war of the suffragettes has not lessened the stubbornness of John Bull toward the cause of woman's political emancipation. It has, in fact, increased it, as the vote just taken in parliament shows. To see the ladies, they are the frizzes, bustles, corsets, peekaboos, French heels and face whitening, forgetting their dainty ways and imagined helplessness and starting out with torch, bomb and acid-bottle—why they have ignored the Chinese stinkpot is past guessing—to see these pink-tea darlings suddenly turned into Apaches and raising general 'ell, is simply downright amazing. But much as we believe in the justness of their cause, some of their methods are certainly trying to the nerves. John Ruskin used to groan in spirit when he heard of revolting workmen destroying the property their hand

THE OUTCOME OF INCOME.

Everything that lives must have some sustenance. Nothing can endure unless fed. The history of the Socialist movement and the Socialist press is an heroic story of hunger. Our editors, writers and organizers have starved through 70 years, and having starved, fed the fires of revolt which are now sweeping over the earth with such sanguine hope for humanity.

The Socialist press is important now—in part because of its size and prestige and important because of the part it is playing in the social revolution.

The Milwaukee Leader is the most important Socialist publication in America. The Leader's income during its first year was not large enough to sustain it, although The Leader is doing splendidly now. The outcome of the first year's lack of income was a deficit which threatens to raise havoc with the greatest Socialist paper in the country.

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toil and skill had produced, and he was right. And some of the work of destruction of the ladies has been a downright shame and about as popular as the blowing up of historic Mt. Vernon would be with the American people. A resentment is growing up against the pankhursts that will make their row harder to hoe from now on. And the thing that really keeps their cause weak is the fact that the great mass of women, still asleep to their rights, are not the ones who are demanding the ballot.

The War Expose.

The German Socialists deserve credit for exposing the colossal plot of the manufacturers of war material and of the Army and Navy leagues to frighten the German people into making extravagant preparations for war. These conspirators got up fictitious news, had anti-Soviet quips printed in French papers, and in various ways duped the public by false forgeries. Liebknecht's expose forced the German war minister to resign. Americans might well scrutinize the method of our ship-building trust in manufacturing sentiment in favor of new battleships.—Catholic Citizen.

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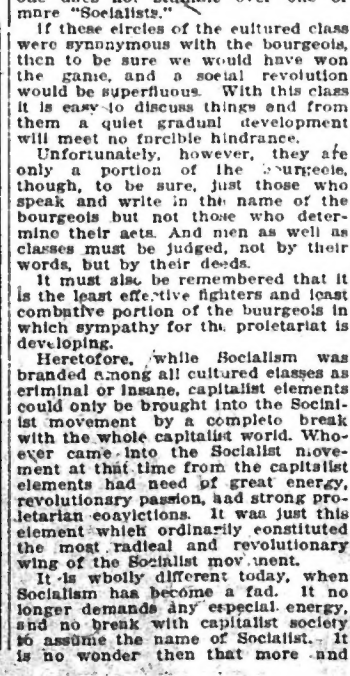
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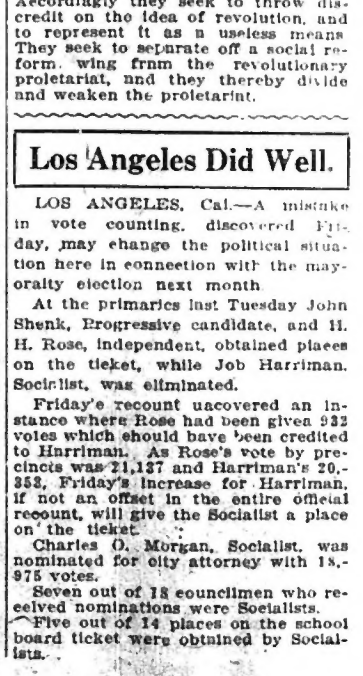
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Los Angeles Did Well.

LOS ANGELES, Cal.—A mistake in vote counting, discovered Friday, may change the political situation here in connection with the mayoralty election next month.

At the primaries last Tuesday John Sherk, Progressive candidate, and H. H. Rose, Independent, obtained places on the ticket, while Job Harriman, Socialist, was eliminated.

Friday's recount uncovered an instance where Rose had been given 932 votes which should have been credited to Harriman. As Rose's vote by precincts was 21,137 and Harriman's 20,352, Friday's increase for Harriman, if not an offset in the entire official recount, will give the Socialist a place on the ticket.

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SOME DIRECT REPLIES TO A TEMPORIZER WITH DIRECT ACTION

Dear Comrade Middleton—While I am very busy I thought your courteous letter of recent date deserved some answer.

The article in the Social-Democratic Herald on the free speech fight in San Diego was simply a statement of facts of which I thought the movement at large ought to be informed.

I disagree with you in your statement that Haywood and Ettor help to make Socialists. Haywood is not a

Socialist, but an anarchist, although perhaps he himself may not realize it. I do not use the term "anarchist" in any sense as a term of approbation, but merely to indicate Haywood's economic and political beliefs. While there are Socialists who do not seem to know the difference between Socialism and anarchism, the anarchists know anarchism when they see it. Thus after Haywood had made his Cooper union speech, the well-known Boston anarchist Corryell in a letter to him, which I was privileged to read, acclaimed Haywood as a convert to anarchism. The anarchist paper, The Agitator, has been pointing out for months the inconsistency of Haywood's position and has been calling upon him to leave the Socialist party. I have been informed that Emma Goldman in a debate with Arthur Lewis in Chicago also claimed Haywood as belonging to their camp. Before I came to the United States I was a follower of Domela Nieuwenhuis in Holland and believed in the philosophy of anarchism. The methods advocated by the anarchist unions of Holland as well as the ideal we had in view differed in nowise from the

methods advocated by William D. Haywood and the ideal towards which the I. W. W. is striving. As I see these things now I would almost rather take my chances with capitalist society, bad as it is, than to take my chances with the anarchist society from which all political government is to disappear immediately as advocated by Haywood; just as I would rather take my chances with a capitalist party, bad as it is, than with a lynch party.

As to the methods of class warfare advocated by Haywood, I am opposed to these methods because I realize that they help to perpetuate the very system which they are intended to combat. The capitalists are willing to pay, and pay well, for having some of the things done which Haywood tells the working people to do gratis. The capitalists realize that violence and violent behavior, deliberate destruction of machinery, etc., serve to frighten the already timid working-class from the Socialist propaganda. "The Socialist movement," says Engels somewhere, "thrives on legality."

As far as I know neither Haywood nor Ettor believe in political action in his Cooper union speech Haywood

stated that about the only kind of political action he believes in is the use of the police power by a Socialist administration to help to win a strike. As his friend Bohn has pointed out in the International Review that is one of the things which a Socialist administration is unable to do. If the police force in a city is used to help the strikers—argued Bohn—the state authorities will interfere, and if a Socialist state administration were to use the state troops to help to win a strike or were to fail to use the state troops to defend capitalist private property the federal government would interfere. Haywood believes, therefore, in using political power when the use of such power is practically futile. The municipalities of local industries, the acquiring of property by the state and all the rest of the Socialist program, he rejects.

I have been reliably informed that Haywood's ideas on political action have of late become so radical that even the International Review refused to print an article of his on the subject. If this is not so I hope the Review will deny it, for the amor is quite persistent.

The fact that Haywood and Ettor are fighting capitalism is no reason why we should join forces with them and refrain from criticizing them. John Most fought capitalism and so does Emma Goldman, yet the capitalists would have liked nothing better than to have seen the Socialists join forces with John Most. It would have made Socialist progress in the United States impossible for years to come.

At present the capitalist class would like nothing better than to see the Socialist party make common cause with the I. W. W., whose cause Emma Goldman has already espoused. By doing so we would do to ourselves what all the craftiness and the power of the capitalist class has been unable to do to us—we would put ourselves out of existence as an effective factor in the emancipation of the workers.

Assuring you that I am not animated by any personal animosity in my discussion of Haywood and the I. W. W., and feeling confident that in the near future you will see the correctness of this position, I am,

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THE COMMON CAUSE SLIPS

BY WILLIAM CLANCY.

It is related that Cuvier, a contemporary of Lamarck, in arguing against the theory of evolution, advanced a hypothesis that the case for the evolutionists so well that the inquisitorial Sorbonne called a halt and forced the ultramontane naturalist to recant.

The Common Cause, the anti-Socialist monthly of New York, will get in trouble with its clerical backers if it prints many more articles like that from the pen of Charles A. Zerkent appearing in the April issue. The title of the article is "THE COMMON CAUSE: A SYSTEM INHERENTLY DEFECTIVE."

When my eye fell on the title, an heroic little band of gladiators, including Cardinal O'Connell, David Gouldigger, Miss S. C. Coker and Peter W. Collins hunkered in spirit at the beginning of the first paragraph, the while shouting a thunderous, 18-point NO! "What's the use of reading this 'orshaming indictment of Socialism?' I queried myself and answered it by turning the page. But, lo! The last paragraph caught my eye, or rather my eye caught the last paragraph! Here it is:

"The question as to whether or not the individualistic capitalist system is inherently defective, must be answered in the affirmative."

Within recent years, a reaction has set in against capitalism, though the system still dominates the situation. Labor unions are being recognized and legal rights of workers of governmental activity is being extended to the regulation of hours of work and general factory conditions. THE INDIVIDUALISTIC CAPITALISTIC SYSTEM HAS ABOUT RUN ITS COURSE: IT HAS FULFILLED ITS HISTORIC MISSION. A new economic system is evolving. We are on the eve of an epoch-making transformation. The new social and economic system will be a departure from the individualistic regime, but it will not plunge into Socialism. The champions of

Finland's Power.

Finland has been called "a land of schools." Twenty years ago the country had twenty three per cent of its population under tuition. Uleaborg, in the north which is locally called Oulu, had seven schools for the upper and middle classes, and five for the children of the poor. At the time of the school for the poor that Henry de Windt tells the following story in his book on Finland:

It was related to me by an Englishman who, while passing through Oulu some years ago, made the acquaintance of a school master, now deceased. The traveler expressed surprise that Finland was permitted by Russia to retain her currency.

"Russia dare not take it from us," was the schoolmaster's reply.

"Dare not? Why, you could not fight Russia?"

"Oh, yes, we could! We make guns, and very big guns, here in Oulu. We have an important foundry. Do you care to see it?"

The Englishman followed his host with surprised curiosity until they came to the gates of a large brick building, from which were emerging a troop of merry children.

"There, sir," said the Finn, pointing to the so-called arsenal, which was in reality one of the largest schools, "there is our foundry, and there are our guns, at present on their way home to dinner. The weapons of my country, sir, are progress, civilization, and humanity, and at the end of the day in the end they will surely gain the victory over the deadliest engines of destruction ever forged at Kronstadt."—Tid Bits.

Belated Mexico.

Writing on the Mexican situation, John Kenneth Turner says in the May Metropolis:

"A glance at conditions peculiar to Mexico will reveal the secret of her unrest. Even Mexicans do not fight for Mexico, for Mexico is not a country that is worthy of consideration. Notwithstanding some strong American suspicions to the contrary, Mexicans are human beings, like the rest of us. Their wants are the same, their ambitions the same, their motives for endeavor the same. The world over, in fact, the springs of human action are the same. They are the reaction of outward material circumstances upon the inevitable aspirations of the human soul.

"The wonder is not that Gen. Diaz was driven out, but that he lasted as long as he did. Mexico glorified in him and then turned against him, but that was a reason for it, and that reason was not lack of character. Mexico is slow to accept change, and there is a reason for that, a reason not born of a spirit of lawlessness and brigandage. I do not believe that Mexico will ever become a democracy, for that, as a whole, it will ever accept the younger Diaz, or that it would consent to the reinstatement of the older Diaz.

"The cause for this will not be personal, nor will they have anything to do with the Mexican nation's capacity, in the ultimate, for democracy. Democracy has not failed in Mexico, for it has never been tried. Nor, except in secondary ways, is democracy the issue. Unlettered as many of the men are, the men who have been fighting with guns and will continue to fight know quite as definitely what they want as any equal number of sophisticated Americans. They know that the ballot-box on election day knows what they want.

"Then what is the matter with Mexico? The key can be given in one word—feudalism.

"Feudalism belongs to a former age. It is a holdover from the eighteenth century. The civilized world generally has long since found it unfit to survive and has abolished it. Even in the backward Russia feudalism was formally laid on the shelf more than a generation ago. Feudalism still flourishes in all its essentials in Mexico."

A Signal Victory.

The question has often been raised in labor circles whether West Virginia is part of the United States. Recent events have tended to confirm the suspicion that it is really an outlying province of the Russian Empire. So far as workmen are concerned, habeas corpus is a joke down there; trial by jury is a matter of a favor, not a right; liberty of speech is a myth, and the doctrine that working people have a right to organize is a dangerous foreign heresy, to be rooted out with ineffectual zeal. Once more with the last few months federal and state constitutions, statute law, common law, and common sense have been thrown to the winds. The orders of a militia officer have become the supreme law, and an irresponsible court-martial has held the lives of men and women in its hands. As these lines go to the printer, the people of the fifty-odd working-men tried and sentenced by the military tribunal have been set free by the discreet "mercy" of Governor Hatfield. About a dozen, including the most active Socialists in the state, are still in the stocks.

Bitter as the struggle has been and heavy as has been its cost to the workers, they seem to have won a signal victory. For the first time in history the owners of the coal mines of West Virginia have formally recognized the right of their employees to organize and have promised not to discriminate against union men.

The significance of the victory is more than local. West Virginia, with its 50,000 unorganized miners, has been the field from which "scabs" could be drawn to break strikes in other states. The Illinois miners were moved by enlightened self-interest as well as brotherly feeling when, two months ago, they assessed themselves \$100,000 and instructed their officers to levy \$300,000 more if necessary to save the West Virginia strikers from being starved into submission.

The men and the women, gray-haired Mother Jones—who have been threatened with the gallows for their part in the struggle, are not whining. Every one of them feels that, if die he must, death will be robbed of its sting by the thought that he has helped the union to win. They knew what they were risking when they went into the fight. They have not swerved an inch. That is the spirit that makes the labor movement in the long run invincible. The same spirit makes it certain that the rank and file is firmly resolved not to let its champions die—Algeron Lee, in Metropolis.

What the Recall Did.

The supreme court of the state of Arizona has handed down some decisions that will scarcely be appreciated by Brother Capital.

Brother Capital in Arizona went into the august presence of the highest court of Arizona and asked that the miners' eight-hour law, the eight-hour law for women, the full crew law for railroads, the daylight law and the 3-cent fare law for railroads be declared unconstitutional.

But the supreme court of Arizona failed to look through the same glasses as Brother Capital, and refused to use the judicial dagger on those laws that labor pushed through a legislative body. Arizona has the recall, and this weapon of democracy will be used by the people whenever it becomes known that a man on the bench has become blind to justice.—The Miners' Magazine.

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JUDGES VICTIMS OF SYSTEM

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In denouncing the capitalistic interests, which through their creatures in the Democratic party of New Jersey have set out to undo the work which he accomplished when he was governor of the state, the president said:

Gentlemen, I tell you that the process of corruption in the justice of this country does not lie so often where it is supposed to lie, with the man who preside over the trial of cases, as it lies with the system which determines who shall feel the pinch of the law and who shall not.

Let us be just to our judges. They often have to do things that they don't like to do because the obligation is placed upon them by the law, the constitution, and by the dominant forces in our civilization to maintain the institution of capitalism precisely as the obligation was placed upon the judiciary to maintain "the peculiar institution" of chattel slavery before it was overthrown in the maelstrom of civil war.

The American people face many evils, but back of every grievous wrong, back of every injustice from which they suffer, will be found the existing system of capitalistic exploitation. We may temporize with evil, we may here and there repress or check its more malignant forms, but until the system itself shall be uprooted justice will not be done on earth, however it may be done in heaven.—The Milwaukee Leader.

Who is to Do the "Dirty" Work?

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One of the leading members of the branch 1 of Neoptit, Mr. and Mrs. Eggart, have moved from Neoptit to Waukegan. But I hope to see the good Neoptit branch go along as before.

To them I would say: Be brave, comrades, and keep up the fight. In spite of any of the awful bluffs the enemy deals in, keep on the fighting line. Live up to the Socialist teachings and then you are also trying to follow the precepts of Christ."

COMRADE WHITE'S DATES.

A tour is now being arranged for Comrade Dan A. White of Massachusetts in the state of Wisconsin. Comrade White is still open for engagements, and any branch wanting a date should apply to the State secretary.

The dates as tentatively arranged are as follows: May 19, Sheboygan Falls (Woodmen Opera House); May 20, Green Bay (Women's Building); May 21, Stevens Point (Court House); May 22, Grand Rapids; May 23, New London; May 25, Irma (Lange's Hall); May 27, Clatskanie; May 28, Colfax; May 29, Ridgeland; May 30, Comstock; May 31, Menominee; June 1, Superior.

For the dates of the first three dates, and the Irma date, which are already advertised, all these dates are open to change, if necessary.

E. H. THOMAS, State Sec'y.

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THE PARTY CLEAN-UP.

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A Set-back in Ohio.
(From the Miami Valley Socialist.)
 The convention is over. The two
 wings of the Socialist party of Ohio
 have met at Varian Hall, Columbus,
 on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday last,
 and clashed in combat.

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—The general secretary shall have charge of organization and propaganda among people, subject to the approval of the administrative committee.

—The administrative committee shall consist of five members, two to be selected by the national committee and three by the Young People's Socialist League. They shall hold office for one year.

—The committee for the first year shall be selected by the national committee, three members of which must be members of the Young People's Socialist League.

—All officials of the Young People's Socialist League must be members of the Socialist party for at least two years.

This program provides for the financing of the organization of the national young people's league by the Socialist party. Once the national organization is strong enough to support itself it takes new powers upon

It will grow by conflict until it shall have destroyed conflict forever!

The Direct Actionist Line-up.

On the convention floor, from among the Direct Actionist groups, emerged at whites Tom Deane of Toledo, a port, roused, smug, a typical middle-class figure, denouncing Political Actionists as a "middle-class element." Occasionally Luthenberg, of Cleveland, a scintillating person, arose with aristocratic elegance and ease to defend the horny-handed proletariat against those designing middle-class politicians the Political Actionists. Josephine Baker, the adroitest and smoothest politician of them all, in a new spring bonnet and a meek whining voice, addressed the convention to warn it against the perils of office-seekers and crafty politicians—the Political Actionists' Or Bessmer of Cleveland, clean-shaven, well-groomed, plausible of voice and argu-

It is planned to urge a national per capita tax of only 1 cent per month per member to the national organization. This will bring the various young people's leagues scattered over the country to the national office at the same time leaving nearly all of the funds with the local for local work.

Another problem will be that of whether it is advisable to force all members of the Young People's Socialist leagues into the Socialist party as they come of age. One argument against this is that girls readily join the Y. P. S. L. branches, whereas there might be strenuous objections to their joining the Socialist party.

phine, against the wiles and tricks of those gulfed politicians,—the Political Actionists! Last and not least, Midway of Youngstown, the Hamlet of the Ohio Socialist movement, tearing a passion to taste the things which have carefully parted in the middle, lifted his arms in melodramatic gestures towards the ceiling, filled the air with acid shrieks, and frothed against the self-seeking, dangerous middle-class element in the party which sought to betray the working classes into demanding municipal ownership of street-railways, government loans without interest, and all these other

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The Ameringers.

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